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PART TWO:
BUNRAKU
(The Puppet Show)

WOLVERINE
(Logan)
Samurai Slasher

CYCLOPS
(Scott Summers)
One-Eyed Warrior

STORM
(Ororo Munroe)
Weather Witch

MARVEL GIRL
(Jean Grey)
Sultry Psychic

Who are the X-Men?

Humans share the world with mutants, people who have gained extraordinary powers by virtue of their mutated genes. The X-Men are a mutant team dedicated to preserving the peace between mutants and humans, and protecting the world from those mutants who believe their genes make them the rightful inheritors of the Earth. Together, the X-Men fight for the safety of a world that sometimes treats them as heroes, and other times as outlaws!

Emma Frost, a powerful mutant telepath, has aspirations of rising in the ranks of the exclusive mutant Hellfire Club— but first, she must recruit another telepathic mutant into their numbers. She zeroes in on Jean Grey, the only member of the X-Men who meets the Hellfire Club's standards of non-freakish appearance. But after the X-Men thwart Emma's first ploy to capture Jean, she enlists the help of three bad-news mutants to be her hired muscle. Will Cyclops, Wolverine and Storm be able to protect their friend from the ambitious mind-witch much longer?

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The Hellfire Club

The X-Men Headquarters

Find me Jean Grey.

"Where is Jean Grey?"

Where is Jean Grey?

RRRRUMBLE

We don't want any.

Where is Jean Grey?

SKKK

Where is Jean Grey?

SKROW!

KRA KRASH!

Where is Jean Grey?

Don't you guys know that mutant-on-mutant crime really hurts our public image?

Grr!

CHAK! CHAK! CHAK!

Jean is indisposed at the moment, but maybe I can help you with something?

Or perhaps I can be of assistance?

You play fire extinguisher...

...and I'll make like an ice pick!

Okay... I guess I get the big guy.

WHAM!

Where is Jean Grey?

What do you want with her?

Bring me Jean Grey!

You already tried this trick, bub.

But have it your way!

WHACK!

H-hey... Isn't that Jean right behind you...?

You should never take your eyes off me...

SKROW

Wind!

Rain!

Aaah!

TAP TAP

CRACK!

So, do we turn them over to the police right away? Or detain them till they wake up, and get some answers for ourselves?

I bet where there's smoke, there's hellfire.

Forget the police. Those crooked cops will just find a way to make us look bad in all of this. We need to shut down the Hellfire Club before they're fully operational.

Uh... am I too late to help?

...I said I can't help you, man! That's all the info I have... Her name was Frost...

I got nothing else.

SMAK!

She was a telepath. She controlled our minds... made us attack you.

It's all fuzzy... I swear I don't remember anything else...

SMAK!

Maybe the middle claw will help jog your memory?

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I'm sorry, Logan.

I should've reacted faster. Guess I'm still recuperating after the Shadowcat attack.

You're on the injured list for now.

I'll do better next time...

Gotta love robot workers.

Now, where are you off to?

Add up the bill for the repairs...

...I'm going to find the person who's gonna pay for this.

I'm going out for a little while!

And where are you going?

You've got everything under control here. The prisoners are secure. And there's nothing to do till Logan-san returns. I'll be back soon!

I've just been grounded.

So, I'm not going anywhere.

It's good to see you again, Forge.

Ummm... thanks for agreeing to meet me, Ororo.

How about we sit over there under that tree?

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So... you're just finishing up your rookie year as a police officer?

Yeah... I've been with a special project, actually. It's pretty intense and they don't let me out much.

Really? What kind of assignment is it?

Um... I'm just, you know, trying to do my duty and fit in as best I can, apply my special skills to the job. Sorry, I really can't talk about it...

Ooh... what are you, some sort of "secret agent"?

Enough about me. What about you?

I can't really talk about my work either.

Hmph. Are you mocking me?

Some people might call it flirting.

I've got your scent now, Frost.

Dazzlers

Thanks for the info.

Gather the troops, Cyke. I've found her.

LATER...

You the one they call Emma Frost?

You're new in town. Looking for some new friends?

The fine folks over at Dazzler's tell me you might know something about the Ronin who trashed my house last night.

They were looking to hurt a friend of mine.

Sounds like you need to choose your friends better.

We could never be friends. I don't associate with evolutionary missteps like you.

And neither should Jean Grey. She belongs alongside her own people. Not with aberrant mutates like the X-Men.

Them's fighting words.

You better have brought help if you're thinking of crossing swords with me, little man.

Okay.

STARS

This is Unit Seven-- we have a situation here...

Please! Somebody help me!

Monsters are attacking that school girl!

Call for backup!

TO BE CONTINUED!